

Marciano, Ez Set For Title Fight

Charles Seeks Return

By MURRAY ROSE

NEW YORK (AP)—Ezzard Charles bucks the explosive power of heavyweight king Rocky Marciano and a 54-year-old tradition of the ring tonight in a final try to become the first ex-champion to regain boxing's most prized crown. The odds are 5-18 that he fails.

"It's now or never for Ezzard," said Co-manager Tom Tamm. "He knows it's his last chance and he's never been so determined before. He's right on edge. I hope we don't get any rain to spoil it."

The forecast is for fair and warmer although an earlier prediction by the weatherman called for a threat of late-evening thunderstorms. But possible postponement which could force a week's setback of the 15-round title fight

NEW YORK (AP)—The weatherman's forecast for the Rocky Marciano-Ezzard Charles heavyweight title fight:

"Fair tonight and continued cool. Highest temperature today will be in the low 70s with 30 to 40's along the coast. Moderate southeast winds."

In Yankee Stadium was uppermost in the minds of the principals and promoters as they anxiously peered at the sky. A canopy was placed above the ring to keep the canvas dry.

The promoting club said it will go up to the ball park this evening with \$400,000 in the bill. Promoter Jim Norris is looking for a 40,000 crowd and \$500,000 at the gate with a break from the weatherman.

In addition to the gate receipts the fighters will share (Marciano 40 per cent, Charles 20) in close to \$200,000 from the coast-to-coast on \$35,000 from the network radio broadcast and a possible bonus from the movies if the fight is sensational.

There will be no home television. The bout will start at 9:30 p.m., EST.

While the 32-year-old Charles will be seeking to accomplish what eight former champions, including himself, have failed to do, the 29-year-old Marciano will be facing a less potent heavyweight jinx. Only 5 of 17 heavyweight rulers have been able to get by a third defense. This is No. 3 for the Brockton Bruiser.

Charles was outpointed by Jersey Joe Walcott in Philadelphia June 5, 1952, in his first effort to regain the title.

How does he intend to fight the strong, brawling, blitz-minded Marciano, who has won 40 of his 45 bouts by knockouts? That's the big question. Everyone knows the muscular power of packing Rocky will come out winging, trying to end it with every punch he throws.

His power is so respected that he's rated a 5-12 choice to stop Charles. It's 6-1 that Rocky won't be stopped.

Will Charles elect to box, hoping to hold off Rocky's bullying drives? Or will he try to match bombs with the bomber?

Naturally he won't tell. He did say, "I've had the idea for a long time how I'll fight him."

Rocky has fought a total of 12 rounds since he won the title by flattening Walcott in 13 rounds in Philadelphia Sept. 23, 1952. He racked up Walcott in one round in Chicago May 15, 1953, and then needed 11 to stop Roland LaStarza in New York Sept. 24, 1953.

In the same period of time, Charles fought 104 rounds in 13 scraps. Two of them were 10-round losses to Nino Valdes and Harold Johnson. He followed the defeats with a 10th-round kayo of Coley Wallace and a two-round blasting of Bob Satterfield.

Charles has scored 53 knockouts in 97 fights. He has been stopped by Lloyd Marshall and Walcott. His over-all record is 86-10-1.

Rocky, in seven years of pro fighting, has a 45-0 record, 40 kayos and five decisions.

Marciano probably will hit 180 pounds and Charles 180 in the noon weigh-in in the Madison Square Garden ring.

The fighters will use six-ounce gloves. The mandatory eight-count for knockdowns will be waived. The fight won't have to be stopped if one boxer scores three knockdowns in one round.

Scoring will be by rounds. A sup-

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THE STANDINGS

WEDNESDAY'S BASEBALL
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NATIONAL LEAGUE

	W	L	Pct.	GB
New York	36	21	.632	
Brooklyn	35	22	.614	1
Milwaukee	29	28	.537	5 1/2
Philadelphia	28	28	.500	6
St. Louis	29	28	.509	7
Cincinnati	26	30	.464	9 1/2
Chicago	23	32	.418	12
Pittsburgh	18	41	.305	19

Wednesday's Results
New York 4, Cincinnati 0
Brooklyn 8, Milwaukee 4
St. Louis at Philadelphia, rain
Chicago at Pittsburgh, rain

AMERICAN LEAGUE

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Cleveland	40	17	.702	
Chicago	37	20	.649	3
New York	26	22	.542	8
Detroit	26	30	.464	13 1/2
Washington	23	33	.411	16 1/2
Philadelphia	22	35	.386	18
Baltimore	22	36	.379	18 1/2
Boston	20	34	.370	18 1/2

Wednesday's Results
Chicago 11, Philadelphia 6
Boston 2, Detroit 2
New York 2, Baltimore 0
Cleveland 5, Washington 1

PACIFIC COAST LEAGUE

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Hollywood	44	28	.611	
San Diego	39	33	.542	5
San Francisco	39	34	.534	5 1/2
Oakland	38	36	.514	7
Seattle	33	36	.478	9 1/2
Sacramento	34	38	.472	10
Los Angeles	31	39	.443	12
Portland	28	42	.400	15

Wednesday's Results
Sacramento 3, Portland 1
San Diego 4, Seattle 3
Los Angeles 8, Oakland 0
San Francisco 8, Hollywood 5

Western International League

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Vancouver	31	17	.646	
Yakima	27	22	.551	4 1/2
Edmonton	21	18	.538	5 1/2
Spokane	25	23	.521	6
Wenatchee	26	25	.510	6 1/2
Lewiston	23	25	.479	8
Tri-City	23	27	.460	9
Victoria	21	26	.447	9 1/2
Salem	22	28	.440	10
Calgary	17	25	.405	11

Wednesday's Results
Vancouver 2-5, Victoria 1-7
Calgary 12, Lewiston 7
Tri-City 11, Wenatchee 7
Spokane at Edmonton, rain
Salem at Yakima, rain

plementary point system also will be used to sl 100 eak draws. The winner of each round will get from one to four points, the loser none.

Eldorado To Meet Lakeview

OREGON-CALIFORNIA BORDER LEAGUE

	W	L	Pct.
Bend	2	0	1.000
Klamath	2	2	.500
Alturas	1	1	.500
Lakeview	0	2	.000

This weekend the Eldorado Lumberjacks are slated to travel to Lakeview for their fifth league game, and in quest of their third victory.

Manager H. Hatfield will be handicapped a great deal for this Sunday's ball game and next weekend's encounter also, because several of his ballplayers are attending the National Guard Summer Camp at Seaside.

Hatfield will have to juggle his lineup to fill the holes left by catcher Ron Owings, infielder Ken Young and outfielders Willie Dunster and Dick Lundsten. Lundsten has also been used by Hatfield as his number one relief pitcher.

Two 'old reliables' will get the call to form the battery combination for the Lumberjacks against the Lakeview nine, when Fran Miller and Hatfield fill the pitching and catching positions Sunday afternoon.

The Eldorado infield will be made up of Art Raymond at first base, Don Sunitich at second base, Leroy Coleman at shortstop, and Irv Whit or Don Dexter at third base.

It Dexter is in the Lumberjack lineup, Whit will move either to the outfield or second base.

In the outfield Hatfield will have Gary Dawes, Lowell Schuck and Dick Pepple to hold down the three garden positions against the Gems.

Other league action pits Bend against Alturas on the Alturas ballfield. This game will also be Sunday afternoon. After this weekend the Lumberjacks travel to Bend on June 27, then are slated until after the Fourth of July.

TIME OUT



"I don't care if you have bet everything you own on the champ, you two - get out of the ring!"

Midland, Merrill Win Games

Midland and Malin won their softball games at Conger Field last night, and both teams posted exactly the same margin of victory.

Midland tripped - up the Merrill nine by a 16-14 score and Malin bounced back in extra innings to nip the Oregon Woolen team by the same 16-14 count.

Margaret Scala and Sally Urvans pitched the Midland team to the win, while Nancy McPherson helped out with a home run for winners. Margaret Breeden also got a home run for the Merrill team.

Glenda Taylor led the Malin crew, both at bat and on the mound. She hit a home run to help her team post the win over the tough Oregon Woolen entry, that sent the game into extra innings, when the score was tied at the end of the regulation playing period.

Tonight at 7:00 the league managers will meet at the Bob Mathis home, 1101 Hanks Street, to discuss the selection of the all-star team that is to meet the Lind Florists July 9.

Tomorrow night's games pit two Eagle Point teams against Midland at 8:45 and Oregon Woolen at 8:30 on the Conger Field softball diamond.

Feuds Beginning To Spark Races

Hardtop racing fans could very well be in for some added excitement this Sunday night at the Gem Speedway race track being that several of the drivers are involved in a potential feud.

The arguments have been boiling from the last couple of programs and began to take shape last week in a couple of the events.

Early season feuds like these will give the race fans an added attraction to the regular racing program, which has been improving with every race so far this season.

Main-event domination that was present last season, when Russ Newell seemed to have the right combination to win the A-main at a fast clip, shows no signs of being revised this year.

So far this season, which includes five full racing programs, there have been five different main event winners, and only a couple

of times have these winners been in the runnerup spot. Last week Dale Hankins joined the other four drivers, Cecil James, Bernie Miller, Wes Owens and Bob Crawley in the winner's circle by taking an early lead in the 25 lap event and holding off Crawley who made a last minute try for the top spot.

Another change in this season's program that involves Newell and his water egg hardtop is the fact that Bob Crawley has replaced the K-15 driver at the top of the point standings.

Crawley took a second in the main last Sunday night and also captured the final heat race to build his point total to 117. Johnny Hilsen jumped to second place in the point scoring with his 108 total.

Third and fourth places were held by Newell with 103 and Wes Owens with his 94 points. Al Rossie who has compiled 90 points in the first five programs.

This week's special event will be a \$50 Pot Race which is a 10 lap event. The first ten drivers registering for the event will pay an entry fee of five dollars apiece and the two or three places will divide the money.

Positions for the special will be drawn Sunday evening determining the starting positions for the ten drivers.

Time trials are slated to begin at 6:30 and the first of the ten-event program will get underway around 7:00 or 7:15.

SPORTS

CLAYTON HANNON, Sports Editor

NCAA Net Tournament To Be Held

SEATTLE (AP)—Hamilton Richardson of Tulane will be Target No. 1 for 46 other racket swingers in Monday's opening round of the 1954 National Collegiate Athletic Assn. tennis championships.

Twenty-two colleges will send teams and individuals on the trail of the titles now held by the UCLA team and Richardson. The singles king will be favored to retain his crown in the 6-day tourney, but there will be at least one new name in the doubles championship.

Last year Larry Huebner and Bob Perry grabbed off the two-man title for UCLA. Huebner was graduated, but Ron Livingston is teaming now with Perry and they'll be everybody's choice to wind up on top.

Livingston and Perry, in fact, are rated as Richardson's chief challengers. Other possibilities in the singles include Jacques Grigry of Southern California, John Hernandez of Texas and Bill Quillian of the University of Washington, host school for the tourney.

Haller Peterson, tourney manager, said the tentative schedule calls for 16 singles matches Monday, with start of doubles play deferred until Tuesday.

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Promoter After Gavilan-Flanagan Boxing Match

DETROIT (AP)—Promoter Nick London flew to New York today to start negotiations for a Kid Gavilan-Del Flanagan title fight in Detroit this fall.

"I plan to talk with Angel Lopez," London said. "Maybe we can reach an agreement soon." Lopez is Gavilan's manager.

Flanagan, a fancy dan with seven years experience, took a firmer hold on his No. 2 welterweight contender ranking last night with a unanimous 10-round breeze over Detroit's Alie Gronik, a willing but pathetically crude boxer.

Flanagan quickly spoiled any hopes Gronik had of becoming big time. He stabbed, jabbed and danced to an easy victory in their nationally televised fight at Olympia Stadium.

Gronik's only advantage, in fact, was in weight. He tipped in at 149½, to Flanagan's 148½.

Hole-In-One, Birdie Comes All At Once

TACOMA (AP)—Kermit Rosen Jr., youthful Seattle golfer had a rare experience in the Washington State Amateur Tournament here Wednesday—he bagged a birdie and a par on the same hole.

Rosen's second shot on the 15th hole at Fircrest Golf Club struck a Robin in mid-air, killing the bird. The ball came to rest a few feet from the green and Rosen chipped up to get an easy par.

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